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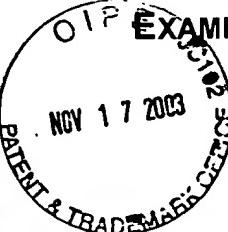
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	09/777,500
Filing Date	February 5, 2001
First Named Inventor	Nicolas W. Sincaglia et al.
Group Art Unit	2172
Examiner Name	Fred I. Ehichioya
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-entitled application.
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1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Return Postcard
- c. Other _____

3. Fees

- The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-2555
 - Fee Transmittal Enclosed (in duplicate)
 - Check in the amount of \$ 385.00 enclosed

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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